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## National Park Service News Release

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## National Park Service Announces New "Green Ranger" Program for Kids at Montezuma Well

The National Park Service will be starting a new youth program called the "Green Rangers" targeting kids around the ages of 9-12 to learn about native plants and habitat restoration at Montezuma Well. Kids will be working with park natural resource staff to plant and collect native seed and help weed invasive plants in the Native Pollinator and Hopi Garden areas at Montezuma Well.

The "Green Rangers" program will have four sessions from September through December, and each session will require a commitment for two consecutive Saturdays in a month. The four sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and the session dates are: Sept. 11 and 18, October 2 and 9, November 6 and 13, and December 4 and 11. There is no cost for the program, but each session will have 20 kids enrolled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Kids must be signed in with the youth coordinator (deborah\_decovis@nps.gov or 928-821-0745) prior to attending. This project is a pilot effort to connect local kids to the outdoors and teach them about natural resource stewardship.